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FOR: INFORMATION PROVIDING DEVICE, METHOD, PROGRAM AND
RECORDING MEDIUM, AND USER AUTHENTICATION DEVICE, METHOD,
PROGRAM AND RECORDING MEDIUM

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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SIR:

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowability of the claimed invention. In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowance of August 25, 2009, Applicant respectfully submits the following comments.

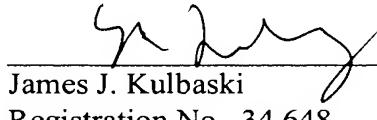
In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance on page 2 of the Notice of Allowance mailed August 25, 2009, the second paragraph states in part:

The prior art fails to teach an information providing device arranged in a multi-function peripheral system including multiple image formation applications and a platform, the platform including an OS and at least one control service to control execution of a requested processing according to a function call from one of the image formation applications. The prior art does not explicitly disclose generat[ing] an authentication merge ticket including data indicating at least one of an authentication provider name, a term of validity of the ticket, an authentication domain name, and user attributes, the authentication merge ticket being a unified information item generated by combining the first user information item and the second user information item based on the predetermined identification data.

Although the above comment seems to be directed to Claims 1, 7 and 10, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claims 12, 27 and 31 do not include all of the elements recited above. For example, Claims 12, 27 and 31 recite “combining the first user identification data and the second user identification data based on a result of the first and second user authentication” and not “combining the first user information item and the second user information item based on the predetermined identification data,” respectively. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the above quoted statement applies only to independent Claim 1, 7 and 10 (and claims dependent therefrom), and not to independent Claims 12, 27 and 31 (and claims dependent therefrom), to the extent the language used in the statement differs from the language of the claims.

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